

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An outboard trolling motor deployment and control system for a boat, said system comprising:

an outboard trolling motor assembly,

a deployment assembly disposed in a cooperative engagement with said outboard trolling motor assembly,

said deployment assembly further disposed in an interconnecting orientation with a hull of the boat,

said deployment assembly structured to facilitate positioning said outboard trolling motor assembly along a substantially arcuate path of travel between a stowed position and at least one predetermined deployed position,

said predetermined deployed position at least partially defined by said outboard trolling motor assembly disposed laterally outward from at least one side of the boat,

said outboard trolling motor assembly comprising at least one thrust axis, said at least one thrust axis disposed and continuously maintained substantially parallel to a longitudinal centerline of the boat, and

a control assembly disposed in a communicative relationship with said outboard trolling motor assembly, said control assembly structured to at least actuate said outboard trolling motor assembly.

2. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 comprising at least one power supply disposed in an at least temporary energizing relation with said outboard trolling motor assembly.

3. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2 wherein said control assembly is disposed in a further communicative relationship with said at least one power supply and is structured to actuate said outboard trolling motor assembly by at least temporarily disposing said at least one power supply into said energizing relation with said outboard trolling motor assembly.

4. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said predetermined deployed position is further defined by said outboard trolling motor assembly disposed laterally outward from at least one side of a stern of the boat.

5. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said substantially arcuate path of travel is disposed in a generally vertical plane.

6. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said outboard trolling motor assembly comprises at least one outboard trolling motor.

7. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said outboard trolling motor assembly comprises at least one pair of outboard trolling motors.

8. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 7 wherein each of said outboard trolling motors is structured to generate an amount of thrust along a corresponding thrust axis, each of said thrust axes disposed and continuously maintained substantially

parallel to the longitudinal centerline of the boat.

9. (Original) A system as recited in claim 7 wherein said predetermined deployed position is further defined by each of said pair of outboard trolling motors disposed laterally outward from an opposite side of the boat.

10. (Original) A system as recited in claim 7 wherein said predetermined deployed position is further defined by each of said pair of outboard trolling motors disposed laterally outward a substantially equal distance from an opposite side of the boat.

11. (Original) A system as recited in claim 7 wherein said predetermined deployed position is further defined by each of said pair of outboard trolling motors disposed a substantially equal depth below a normal surface of the body of water.

12. (Original) A system as recited in claim 7 wherein each said outboard trolling motor comprises a propeller interconnected thereto by a drive shaft.

13. (Original) A system as recited in claim 7 wherein said deployment assembly comprises at least one pair of positionable mounting members, each of said positionable mounting members operatively engaging a different one of said outboard trolling motors.

14. (Original) A system as recited in claim 13 wherein said deployment assembly further comprises at least one pair of mounting sleeve mechanisms, each of said mounting sleeve mechanisms structured to interconnect a different one of said positionable mounting members to the boat through a portion of the hull.

15. (Original) A system as recited in claim 13 wherein said deployment assembly further comprises at least one pair of mounting sleeve mechanisms, each of said mounting sleeve mechanisms structured to movably interconnect a different one of said positionable mounting members to the boat through a portion of the hull.

16. (Original) A system as recited in claim 15 wherein each of said mounting sleeve mechanisms is further structured to rotatably interconnect a different one of said positionable mounting members to the boat through the portion of the hull.

17. (Original) A system as recited in claim 14 wherein each said mounting sleeve mechanism comprises a sealing mechanism, each of said sealing mechanisms structured to provide a liquid restrictive interconnection between a corresponding one of said positionable mounting members and the portion of the hull of the boat.

18. (Original) A system as recited in claim 17 wherein the portion of the hull is a transom.

19. (Currently Amended) An outboard trolling motor deployment and control system for a boat disposed in a body of water, said system comprising:

an outboard trolling motor assembly,
said outboard trolling motor assembly comprising at least one pair of outboard trolling motors,
a deployment assembly comprising at least one pair of positionable mounting members, each of said positionable mounting

members operatively engaging a different one of said outboard trolling motors,

each of said positionable mounting members further disposed in an interconnecting orientation with the boat via a corresponding mounting sleeve mechanism,

said deployment assembly structured to facilitate positioning each of said outboard trolling motors along a substantially arcuate path of travel between a stowed position and at least one predetermined deployed position,

said predetermined deployed position at least partially defined by each of said outboard trolling motors disposed laterally outward from an opposite side of a stern of the boat into a substantially undisturbed portion of the body of water,

each of said outboard trolling motors structured to generate an amount of thrust along a corresponding thrust axis, each of said thrust axes disposed and continuously maintained substantially parallel to a longitudinal centerline of the boat, and

a control assembly disposed in a communicative relationship with at least said outboard trolling motors.

20. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19 wherein said predetermined deployed position is further defined by each of said thrust axes submerged in the substantially undisturbed portion of the body of water and disposed substantially parallel to a normal surface of the body of water.

21. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19 wherein said

deployment assembly is further structured to facilitate rotatably positioning each of said outboard trolling motors along said substantially arcuate path of travel between said stowed position and said predetermined deployed position.

22. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19 wherein each of said positionable mounting members comprise a positionable stop member structured to facilitate disposing a corresponding one of said outboard trolling motors between said stowed position and said at least one predetermined deployed position.

23. (Original) A system as recited in claim 22 wherein each of said mounting sleeve mechanisms comprise at least one deployment stop member.

24. (Original) A system as recited in claim 23 wherein said predetermined deployed position is at least partially defined by a portion of one of said positionable stop members abutting a portion of a corresponding one of said at least one deployment stop member.

25. (Original) A system as recited in claim 22 wherein each of said mounting sleeve mechanisms comprise a plurality of deployment stop members.

26. (Original) A system as recited in claim 25 wherein said deployment assembly is further structured to facilitate positioning each of said outboard trolling motors along a substantially arcuate path of travel between a stowed position and each of a plurality of predetermined deployed positions.

27. (Original) A system as recited in claim 26 wherein each of

said plurality of predetermined deployed positions is at least partially defined by a portion of one of said positionable stop members abutting a portion of a corresponding one of said plurality of deployment stop members.

28. (Original) A system as recited in claim 22 wherein each of said mounting sleeve mechanisms comprise at least one stowage stop member.

29. (Original) A system as recited in claim 28 wherein said stowed position is at least partially defined by a portion of one of said positionable stop members abutting a portion of a corresponding one of said at least one stowage stop member.

30. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19 wherein said stowed position is at least partially defined by said outboard trolling motors disposed out of the body of water and positioned above a portion of the hull of the boat.

31. (Original) A system as recited in claim 30 wherein the portion of the hull is a transom.

32. (Currently Amended) An outboard trolling motor deployment and control system for a boat disposed in a body of water, said system comprising:

an outboard trolling motor assembly comprising at least one pair of outboard trolling motors,

a deployment assembly comprising at least one pair of positionable mounting members, each of said positionable mounting members operatively engaging a different one of said outboard

trolling motors,

said deployment assembly further disposed in an interconnecting orientation with the boat,

said deployment assembly structured to facilitate positioning each of said outboard trolling motors along a substantially arcuate path of travel between a stowed position and at least one predetermined deployed position,

said predetermined deployed position at least partially defined by each of said outboard trolling motors disposed laterally outward from an opposite side of the stern of the boat in a substantially undisturbed portion of the body of water,

each of said outboard trolling motors structured to generate an amount of thrust along a corresponding thrust axis, each of said thrust axes disposed and continuously maintained substantially parallel to a longitudinal centerline of the boat,

a control assembly disposed in a communicative relationship with at least said outboard trolling motors,

at least one power supply at least temporarily disposed in an energizing relation with said outboard trolling motors, and

said control assembly structured to at least actuate said outboard trolling motors.

33. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said control assembly comprises at least one actuation switch, said actuation switch structured to actuate at least one of said outboard trolling motors.

34. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said control assembly comprises a plurality of actuation switches, each of said actuation switches structured to actuate a corresponding one of said outboard trolling motors.

35. (Original) A system as recited in claims 32 wherein said control assembly comprises a master actuation switch, said master actuation switch structured to actuate at least said pair of outboard trolling motors.

36. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said control assembly comprises at least one direction switch, said direction switch structured to operate at least one of said outboard trolling motors in either a forward direction or a reverse direction.

37. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said control assembly comprises a plurality of direction switches, each of said direction switches structured to operate a corresponding one of said outboard trolling motors in either a forward direction or a reverse direction.

38. (Original) A system as recited in claims 32 wherein said control assembly comprises a master direction switch, said master direction switch structured to operate at least said pair of outboard trolling motors in either a forward direction or a reverse direction.

39. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said control assembly comprises at least one speed switch, said speed

switch structured to operate at least one of said outboard trolling motors at any one of a plurality of motor speeds.

40. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said control assembly comprises a plurality of speed switches, each of said speed switches structured to operate a corresponding one of said outboard trolling motors at any one of a plurality of motor speeds.

41. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said control assembly comprises a master speed switch, said master speed switch structured to operate at least said pair of outboard trolling motors at any one of a plurality of motor speeds.

42. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 32 further comprising a safety switch, said safety switch structured to prevent said actuation of said outboard trolling motors when said motors are not disposed in said predetermined deployed position.

43. (Currently Amended) An outboard trolling motor deployment and control system for a boat disposed in a body of water, said system comprising:

an outboard trolling motor assembly comprising at least one pair of outboard trolling motors,

each of said outboard trolling motors structured to generate an amount of thrust along a corresponding thrust axis, each of said thrust axes disposed and continuously maintained substantially parallel to a longitudinal centerline of the boat,

a deployment assembly comprising at least one pair of

positionable mounting members each operatively engaging a different one of said outboard trolling motors,

said deployment assembly further disposed in an interconnecting orientation with a transom of the boat,

said deployment assembly structured to facilitate rotatably positioning each of said outboard trolling motors along a substantially arcuate path of travel between a stowed position and at least one predetermined deployed position,

said deployment assembly further structured to maintain each of said thrust axes disposed substantially parallel with the longitudinal centerline of the boat at each point along said substantially arcuate path of travel,

said predetermined deployed position at least partially defined by each of said outboard trolling motors disposed laterally outward a substantially equal distance from an opposite side of the stern of the boat in a substantially undisturbed portion of the body of water,

said predetermined deployed position further defined by each of said outboard trolling motors disposed a substantially equal depth below a normal surface of the substantially undisturbed portion of the body of water,

a control assembly disposed in a communicative relationship with at least said outboard trolling motors,

at least one power supply at least temporarily disposed in an energizing relation with said outboard trolling motors, and

said control assembly structured to at least actuate said outboard trolling motors.

44. (New) An outboard trolling motor deployment and control system for a boat disposed in a body of water, said system comprising:

an outboard trolling motor assembly comprising at least one pair of outboard trolling motors,

a deployment assembly comprising at least one pair of positionable mounting members, each of said positionable mounting members structured to be disposed in an interconnecting orientation with a portion of the boat and structured to operatively engage a different one of said outboard trolling motors,

each of said positionable mounting members further structured and disposed to facilitate positioning a corresponding one of said outboard trolling motors along a substantially arcuate path of travel between a stowed position and at least one predetermined deployed position,

said predetermined deployed position at least partially defined by each of said outboard trolling motors disposed laterally outward from an opposite side of the stern of the boat in a substantially undisturbed portion of the body of water,

each of said outboard trolling motors structured to generate an amount of thrust along a corresponding thrust axis, and

said predetermined deployed position is further defined by each of said thrust axes being disposed and continuously maintained in said substantially parallel disposition to the longitudinal

centerline of the boat by a corresponding one of said positionable mounting members.

45. (New) An outboard trolling motor deployment and control system for a boat disposed in a body of water, said system comprising:

an outboard trolling motor assembly comprising at least one pair of outboard trolling motors,

a deployment assembly comprising at least one pair of positionable mounting members, each of said positionable mounting members operatively engaging a different one of said outboard trolling motors,

each of said positionable mounting members further disposed in an interconnecting orientation with a transom of the boat via a corresponding mounting sleeve mechanism,

said deployment assembly structured to facilitate positioning each of said outboard trolling motors along a substantially arcuate path of travel between a stowed position and at least one predetermined deployed position,

said predetermined deployed position at least partially defined by each of said outboard trolling motors disposed laterally outward from an opposite side of a stern of the boat in a substantially undisturbed portion of the body of water,

each of said outboard trolling motors structured to generate an amount of thrust along a corresponding thrust axis, each of said thrust axes disposed and continuously maintained substantially parallel to a longitudinal centerline of the boat,

a control assembly disposed in a communicative relationship with at least said outboard trolling motors,

at least one power supply at least temporarily disposed in an energizing relation with said outboard trolling motors, and

said control assembly structured to at least actuate said outboard trolling motors.

46. (New) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said deployment assembly comprises at least one positionable mounting member wherein said predetermined deployed position is further defined by said thrust axis being disposed and continuously maintained in said substantially parallel disposition to the longitudinal centerline of the boat by said positionable mounting member.